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Harold --

I'm enclosing a few articles that may be of interest to you. I received your letter of 7/31. As to the agent I mentioned -- you wanted to know the client. First of all, it wasn't a client of his. The agent says it was someone who came to him who he then put in touch with a literary agent in New York. The agent told me he could not recall the name even though I mentioned Lifton and Livingstone. I am now of the mind that the agent may not have even had this experience at all. This guy is not my agent although he is at the same agency that represents me. He is a young guy and has only been at the agency about a year or so. I think he wanted to impress me with his contacts and when I asked him about his literary contacts, he bragged he knew alot of people. But I don't think he expected me to ask him to do me a favor and contact someone about your book. I am now leery about his so-called contacts and that he was just trying to play big shot. Then, when I asked about him helping you, he was caught in his own lie and made up the story about a bad experience with an author of a JFK book. I could be wrong on this, but knowing agents, it wouldn't surprise me if it was all a bunch of b.s. on his part.

Until your letter, I had heard nothing of Livingstone's rantings and ravings. I don't understand how he came to this conclusion. But as you must know, he went after Groden in his second book which I browsed through at the store. He is clearly not a well man and I don't understand why Carroll-Graf would publish a book that says thing about you that the author cannot prove. Aren't they opening themselves up to a lawsuit if they slander you?

I happened to see Mark Lane and Dick Gregory's book, "Murder in Memphis" and saw that they had some criticizing of you in the Ray defense case. Being that Lane is probably not too fond of you, I'm sure he would jump on anything he could criticize you for. At the same time, he could have said despite making an error on someone's name in your book, you did file a number of important FOIA in regard to the King Assassination. But then, that's not Lane's style. I also looked through PLAUSABLE DENIAL and I couldn't understand what he was getting at there.

In any case, I was happy to receive your letter and find that you agreed with what I had to say. I have been able to get your point of view through our correspondence. But the people who know your work have not really heard much of what you have to say since POST MORTEM, and much has taken place. All of these trashy books have come out with absurd theories that are taken to heart by the ir readers because people no longer trust their government. They are willing to believe just about anything. It will be nice to have a credible book on the market. Please keep me informed as to what the publishing situation is with your book.

I'll keep in touch.

Best,

Robert

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